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On behalf of all the members of the Independent Police Auditor Advisory Committee (IPAAC), we want to acknowledge the excellent and very important work that has been done by the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA). This report contains some very important recommendations that we strongly support and urge the San José City Council to adopt. In particular, we support empowering the Professional Standards and Conduct Unit and the IPA with subpoena power and allocating funds to increase the IPA staff in order to conduct more follow-up investigations.

One only has to look at what is happening with the LAPD scandal to recognize that strengthening the IPA in its role of providing civilian oversight of the San José Police Department, is the best investment the citizens of San José can make in preventing police misconduct.

The members of the IPAAC have been working closely with the IPA to bring forward those concerns that we in our individual communities come across. The IPA is the catalyst by which problem areas are identified, solutions are proposed, and corrective action is recommended to the San José Police Department. Together we can make a significant difference in keeping our city safe and free of police misconduct.

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